

# True Northerner.

PAW PAW, VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1900.

WHOLE NUMBER 2337.

AND SHOES.

## Waiting

our Cloak. No excuse for  
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ard of low prices.

Capes at \$2.75.  
5.00 all at 1/2 price.  
omen's and Children's Good Heavy  
a large and new assorted lot of  
fall season many remnants of Dress  
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old at a great saving from regular

Skirts—our \$1.75 garment for \$1.25.

Flannel Shirt Waists, nicely trimmed

\$1.00.

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many warm lined Shoes for these cold days.

Shoes at \$1.25.

Shoes, Foxed, at \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Fleece Lined Dongola Shoes: heavy soles, at \$2.

Kid Shoes, extension soles, at \$3.00.

g in Rubbers for all the People.

## W. J. Sellick.

H. C. WATERS & CO.—HARDWARE.

## Cross Cut Saws

Our Leaging Theme For This Week.

Experienced wood and log cutters always use saws of unquestionable merit. They cannot afford to use tools of poor quality. We try to be reasonable, modest, intend to make no false claims, and when we say we have 75 per cent of the wood and log cutters' saw trade of Paw Paw, we mean just what we say.

For two years we have sold an "Extra Quality" saw made for us by the Atkins Co., and our success with them has been phenomenal. Ask any user of an Atkins saw stamped "Extra Quality Made Expressly for H. C. Waters & Co., Paw Paw, Mich.," as to its quality. He will tell you that it is the best saw he ever pulled.

Our quantity contract enables us to sell these saws on old time low prices.

We have the Tuttle tooth, Rex, Lance, Dexter and Moss Back in this extra quality.

It will pay everybody well to use this brand.

We have just received 10 dozen of the best shaped axes ever shipped into Paw Paw. The quality is guaranteed to be as good as the pattern. These axes were manufactured especially for us by the Mann Axe Co. on a design furnished to us by a practical wood chopper.

Our success with the special brand of saws has been wonderful. The success of our own axe is bound to be as good. Our axe will be a WINNER. The shape is right; the material is the best. Mann's workmen have the reputation for tempering axes just right.

We want you to try one. They are guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction.

We control the entire output of the famous Hicks hand shaved axes. Most choppers will use no others.

Plumbing and furnace work one of our seasonable specialties. Nailing but strictly first class work done by experienced mechanics.

While we do not claim to be doing all of this class of work, what we have done has been accomplished in a manner that does great credit to our reputation as square dealers.

We solicit your entire hardware patronage on business principles.

H. C. WATERS & CO.

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Dr. E. J. Sargent.

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All business given prompt and careful attention. Office over Paw Paw Savings Bank.

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Notice.

I have a number of select farms, large and small. All some fine village property. Houses and lots at sacrifice prices. Parties wishing to buy will do well to see me before purchasing.

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The highest price and the best flour at the Almena mill.

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The leading fire insurance companies represented by E. F. PARKS.

Imitation is sincerest flattery; don't be persuaded to take any of the many imitations of Russ' Bleaching Blue.

Schedule of Teachers' Examinations For 1899-1900.

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At Paw Paw, March (beginning last Thursday); for all grades.

At Decatur, June (beginning third Thursday); for second and third grades.

Office days—every Saturday.

Wells G. Brown, Commissioner of Schools.

Geo. L. Bruner.

Contractor and building mover, all kinds of plain and fancy stone work done. Will take contracts for all kinds of building and repairing and furnish everything. Satisfaction guaranteed. I sell and set up Snow Bros. furnaces. Kibbie phone at residence. Geo. L. Bruner.

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And still in the Piano and Organ trade. If you want the best at the lowest possible price, 40 organs and 60 pianos is the daily product of the largest factory in the world. \$3,000,000 capital. All goods warranted. New organs \$25 and up; new pianos \$165 and up. Cash or payments. Consultation free.

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Pensions.

Having recently been admitted to practice before the department of the interior, I shall hold myself in readiness to transact any business before the department that may be entrusted to me. Especial attention will be given to pension claims.

O. W. Rowland.

Mrs. Van Fleet's millinery store is the bargain center of the city. Please call. I have a full line of winter millinery and everything in the way of up-to-date trimmings at very reasonable prices.

Yours for business, Mrs. Van Fleet.

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A new milch cow and calf.

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Wanted.

To rent a house with barn attached.

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I do not sell by agents. I do keep a large stock to select from. I do save you one-fourth in price. It will pay you to come here.

Local Department.

1900.

School opened again Tuesday morning.

Miss Pearl Haggar is visiting friends in Grand Rapids.

A. W. Showerman is moving into his new house.

David Dillon Jr. is home from school for the holidays.

Waters & Co. have more to say about saws in their adv. this week.

David Dillon's children and their families, were all home Sunday.

A. F. Hayes writes that he was shaken up in the Los Angeles earthquake.

The Every Friday club will meet at Mrs. Sowle's, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Swan entertained a company of young people New Year's evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed. Phillips and son Wayne went to Jackson, Thursday, for a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ocoobok entertained the members of the class of '90 at their home last evening.

E. Smith & Co. announces a "Great first of the year sale." This is a stock reducer and the prices are right.

The Prospect Valley Farmers' club will meet at the home of Mrs. Martha E. Smith, Thursday, January 11.

Charles Duncombe of Keeler, one of the old residents and best known men of the county, died last night, at midnight.

Friday afternoon at one o'clock is the time set by the supervisors for discussing the question of removing the county seat.

H. P. and Chas. Waters of Lawton are here this week to assist in taking the annual invoice of H. C. Waters & Co's hardware stock.

Regular meeting of Paw Paw chapter No. 257, Order of the Eastern Star, Wednesday evening, January 10, at half past seven; initiation.

Married, Monday, January 1, 1900, at Paw Paw, by Justice O. W. Rowland, Mr. Erwin J. Carpenter and Miss Edith F. Elliott, both of Decatur.

It is rumored that the C. K. & S. road is sure to be extended from Kalamazoo to Benton Harbor, perhaps next summer. Paw Paw should keep her eye on this road.

There were 155 new estates opened up in the probate court during the past year, as against 136 in 1898. This shows an increase of probate business of about 15 per cent.

Broughton this week in his store news announces his intention of giving his customers a chance to make 100 per cent on investments in his cloak department. See adv.

There will be a mothers' meeting at the home of Mrs. Pearl Pritchard, Thursday, January 4, at 2:30 p. m. After the program, a ten cent supper will be served. All are invited.

A good congregation attended the union watch meeting at the M. E. church Sunday evening, and the service was an interesting one. At midnight all the church bells rang in the new year.

A recently recorded deed conveys the east half of the west half of the southwest half of section 12, Waverly. It would require an expert surveyor to fix boundaries of such a piece of land.

Holiday guests at A. T. Stevenson's were Miss Fletcher of Dowagiac, Mrs. E. J. Lisk of Syracuse, Nebraska, Mrs. Jerome Haight of Ann Arbor, Mrs. H. A. Rogers of Detroit, and Mrs. Wilson of St. Thomas, Ont.

South Haven's county seat delegation will probably make its bow to the board of supervisors to-day. No matter what the board may do, the Northerner does not believe the people will ever vote the county seat to South Haven.

At the council meeting last Thursday evening, Jas. Whelpley was retained as assistant electrician for another year at the same salary. It was decided to shut off the incandescent lights hereafter at midnight instead of at one o'clock.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company will be held at the court house in this village, Tuesday, January 9, at 10:30. Two directors will be elected, in the place of I. Monroe and W. G. Lindsley, whose terms of office expire.

Paw Paw lodge, F. & A. M., has elected the following officers: J. E. Chandler, W. M.; W. C. Y. Ferguson, S. W.; E. Stanley Briggs, J. W.; E. F. Parks, Treas.; John A. O'Leary, Sec.; Phineas Cole, S. D.; La Rue Mosier, J. D.; C. R. Ocoobok, Tyler; W. M. Thayer, S. S.; R. M. Buck, J. S.

The board of supervisors convened in adjourned session yesterday afternoon, all being present. A communication was received from the state association of supervisors, read and placed on file. On motion of Supervisor Lampson the board adjourned until 8:30 o'clock this morning.

This week's issue of the Sentinel is at the closing of the old year and the old century. Next week we will be ushered into the new year and new century. —Sentinel. Just how the Sentinel manages to get into the 20th century with the passing of only 1899 years it has not explained.

R. A. Shoemith, the new undertaker and furniture dealer, has taken possession of his business here and is getting acquainted with our people. He is a pleasant gentleman to meet. His advertisement will be found in the Northerner. Mr. Shoemith's family have not yet arrived, but will come here when he is able to secure a house.

Bills printed at the Northerner office announce that C. A. and R. A. Lamberon will have an auction sale, 1 1/2 miles east and 1 1/2 miles north of Paw Paw, Thursday, January 4, 20 head of cows, seven head of horses, a quantity of hay and corn, harnesses, cutter, and other desirable property will be offered. H. W. McCabe, auctioneer.

At their last meeting the International Congress elected the following officers: H. C. M. Buskirk; H. V. C. Chas. Holt; H. P. C. J. Haworth; H. R. K. Mrs. E. L. Moe; H. F. K. E. L. Moe; H. Chap. A. F. McNeil; H. Phys. Dr. L. Curtis; H. M. of A. Fred Dibble; H. D. K. Mrs. Buskirk; H. S. Mrs. H. Holt. Installation will occur the third Monday in January.

The K. of P. reception and ball last Friday evening were very pleasant affairs. The company at the hall were entertained by a fine program by Fisher's orchestra, followed by a musical and literary program in the Coterie room, where Mrs. Clare Harrison gave a piano selection, Dr. Hoyt a vocal solo, Messrs. Chappel and Snow a guitar and mandolin selection, Mrs. Cora Whalen a reading and Mrs. E. H. Harvey a solo. After the program, dancing was enjoyed at the opera house.

Mrs. Alida J. Huntley died quietly of heart failure at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. P. Linderman, December 27, at 6:30 p. m., in the 70th year of her age. Rev. Harvey conducted a brief service at the home, Thursday at 3:00 o'clock, after which Rev. Mr. Linderman left with the remains on the evening train, for Phoenix, N. Y., where, on the closing day of the year, funeral services were held at the Congregational church, of which she had been a member for over forty years, and she was laid to rest by the side of ones gone before.

Messrs. M. P. Anderson of Midland, president of the State Agricultural society, and W. P. Custard of Mendon, a director of the society, with their wives, were entertained by Messrs. and Mesdames C. W. Young and E. F. Parks from Saturday until Monday. Mr. Young is treasurer of the same society, and Mr. Parks has been his assistant at all the recent state fairs.

Frank Byers of Keeler, president of the First State bank of Decatur, died Monday morning of typhoid fever. About 10 months ago, his predecessor in the bank, Hon. A. B. Copley, died, and only a few days since Cashier A. H. Huyck of the same bank dropped dead on the street. L. Dana Hill, a former cashier of the bank, will return from Kansas to assume his old position.

The Coldwater papers have much to say about a railroad that is projected through that city, called the Benton Harbor and Toledo. It is a noteworthy fact that our own railroad is projected through the same territory to Toledo. If this is part of the same road, the Northerner wishes the promoters success, and assures Coldwater people they will never regret the \$10,000 assistance they are asked to give.

The K. O. T. M. at their last review elected the following officers: Com. A. T. Stevenson; L. Com. C. W. Reynolds; P. Com. H. E. Ball; R. K. R. M. Buck; F. K. C. R. Avery; Chap. Lewis Salisbury; Phys. Dr. C. E. Thompson; M. of A. Chas. Wall; Serg. A. W. Clement; F. M. of G. O. Butler; S. M. of G. F. A. Butterfield; Sent. R. White; P. W. Butler. Installation will occur at their next review, January 11.

There will be union services during the week of January 7, Sunday evening, a temperance service, H. W. Harvey at the Free Baptist church, Monday evening at the same church, W. C. Y. Ferguson leader; Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian church, A. T. Hall leader; Wednesday evening at the Disciple, C. E. Hutchins leader; Thursday evening at the M. E. church, David Anderson leader; Friday evening at the First Baptist church, M. O. Rowland leader. The services will begin at 7:00 o'clock. All are invited.

Among the marriages celebrated and chronicled on the first day of the new year was that of Miss Pearl Waters and Mr. Louis A. Packer, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Waters, east of Lawton, at high noon, January 1, 1900. The occasion was in all respects an auspicious and enjoyable one. Both bride and groom are well known in Paw Paw and Lawton, and highly respected by all who know them. They were joined in marriage by Mrs. Anna Barton, in the presence of about 100 guests. The bride was dressed in white, with few ornaments, and the bridegroom seemed a fitting companion for her. The only attendants at the altar were little Miss Mildred Shepard, who carried the bride's flowers and Master Arlin Spaulding, who held in his hand a beautiful calla lily, in the heart of which glistered the wedding ring. An elegant and elaborate feast was served, and bridal gifts in profusion delighted the recipients.

Tuesday evening, December 26, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Waters, occurred the third annual "lynching bee" of the Independent Order of Yahoos. About thirty sir knights and ladies fair of the mystic order were present. A very elaborate lunch was served by the hostess at 6 o'clock, after which business of importance was transacted. The secretary's report for '99 was unusually interesting, as it recorded the marriage of four members of the order within the past three months. The worthy scribe announced that the three remaining unmarried members of the order would consider sealed proposals after January 1. After business, the company enjoyed progressive pedro till a late hour. Mr. Swan and Mrs. W. J. Johnson receiving first favors, while M. E. Hanlin and Miss Kate Coy consoled themselves with appropriate toys. The members from abroad who were present were Dr. Young of Ann Arbor and Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hanlin of Chicago. Letters of regret were read from several absent members. All present voted this meeting the most successful one in the history of the society.

During the year 1899, the county clerk issued 358 marriage licenses, the largest number ever issued in a single year and an increase of 44 over 1898, which showed a larger number than any previous year. This constantly increasing marriage rate is a sure indication of the prosperity of the country. There were 79 cases commenced on the chancery side of the circuit court, seven less than in 1898 and thirteen less than in 1897. On the law side of the calendar 75 new cases were entered, a decrease of 13 as compared with 1898. 29 of these were criminal cases, 10 less than in 1898. This decreasing litigation, both civil and criminal, is another indication of the prosperity of our people and of the general good order prevailing throughout the county. At the beginning of the year 1899, there were 44 pending divorce cases on the calendar of the circuit court and 55 new cases were begun during the year. 50 decrees of divorce were granted, none denied, and there are now 49 pending cases. Precisely the same number of divorce cases were commenced in 1899 as in 1898, but there was an increase of 12 in the number of decrees granted. The rate of divorces to marriages in this county, was, practically, one to seven, while last year it was about one to eight.